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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide wherein the encoded polypeptide comprises amino acid residues 36 to 753 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 wherein the encoded polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:2.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises nucleotides 191 to 2347 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 5. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises nucleotides 86 to 2347 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 6. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule consists of nucleotides 191 to 2347 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 7. (Original) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:
 - a transcription promoter;
 - a DNA segment encoding a polypeptide wherein the encoded polypeptide comprises amino acid residues 36 to 753 of SEQ ID NO:2; and a transcription terminator.
- 8. (Original) The expression vector of claim 7 wherein the DNA segment further encodes a secretory signal sequence operably linked to the polypeptide.
- 9. (Original) The expression vector of claim 8 wherein the secretory signal sequence comprises amino acid residues 1 to 35 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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- 10. (Original) A recombinant host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 7.
- 11. (Original) A method of using the expression vector of claim 7 to produce a polypeptide that comprises amino acid residues 36 to 753 of SEQ ID NO:2, comprising culturing recombinant host cells that comprise the expression vector and that produce the polypeptide.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising isolating the polypeptide from the cultured recombinant host cells.
- 13. (Original) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein wherein the encoded fusion protein comprises a first portion and a second portion joined by a peptide bond, wherein the first portion comprises amino acid residues 36 to 753 of SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein the second portion comprises another polypeptide.
- 14. (Original) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 13 wherein the polynucleotide further encodes a secretory signal sequence consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 25 of SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein the secretory signal sequence is operably linked to the first portion and the second portion.